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REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the continuing data for the above-identified application and have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure. In addition, applicants have amended claims 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15 merely to remove multiple dependency. In addition, applicants have added the alternative embodiment of original claim 15 as new claim 17. Finally, applicants have amended minor typographical errors in claims 1 and 6. Applicants maintain that these amendments do not raise any issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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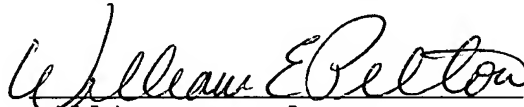
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No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$1,000.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William E. Pelton", written in dark ink.

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